

**Maine Revised Statutes**  
**Title 35-A: PUBLIC UTILITIES**  
**Chapter 47: GAS UTILITIES**

**§4712. GAS EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, "gas explosion event" means an explosion or fire that causes property damage or personal injury and that involves natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas controlled, transported or delivered by a gas utility or a natural gas pipeline utility subject to the jurisdiction of the commission.

[ 2011, c. 27, §3 (NEW) . ]

**2. Response.** Following a gas explosion event, the commission shall immediately contact the State Fire Marshal:

A. To confirm that the State Fire Marshal is investigating the event and securing evidence in accordance with Title 25, section 2394, subsection 1 and to coordinate the commission's activities with the State Fire Marshal's investigation; or [ 2011, c. 27, §3 (NEW) . ]

B. To confirm that the event does not warrant investigation by the State Fire Marshal pursuant to the protocol established in accordance with Title 25, section 2394, subsection 1. [ 2011, c. 27, §3 (NEW) . ]

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**3. Proceedings.** In any commission proceeding concerning a gas explosion event, the commission shall afford a person injured by the event or who suffered property damage in the event an opportunity to address the commission regarding the event.

[ 2011, c. 27, §3 (NEW) . ]

**4. Compensation.** In determining pursuant to section 117 whether to apply any administrative penalties relating to the gas explosion event to benefit customers affected or potentially affected by the violation, and in determining the amount to apply, the commission shall consider documented property damages suffered by a person as a result of the event and may apply an amount to equitably compensate that person for losses not otherwise fully compensated.

[ 2011, c. 27, §3 (NEW) . ]

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